

The killing of Osama bin Laden is reinvigorating the call from three Orange County Congress members to withdraw U.S. troops from Afghanistan.

“The bold and successful operation that took bin Laden’s life exemplifies the type of approach that we need to take in the battle against terrorism,” says Rep. Loretta Sanchez, D-Santa Ana, in an email today to constituents. “Strategically planned special operations should take the place of our large-scale and cumbersome war operation in Afghanistan, where the astronomical costs of the war are throwing our federal budget out of balance and hurting other important domestic priorities.”

Similar sentiments have been expressed by Reps. **John Campbell**, R-Irvine, and Dana Rohrabacher, R-Costa Mesa. That means half of Orange County’s congressional delegation wants to withdraw troops from Afghanistan, a cause that typically finds more Democrats pushing.

A March 17 resolution to pull out of the country failed in a 93-321 vote. Just eight Republicans supported the measure, including **Campbell** and Rohrabacher. Sanchez also voted for it.

After getting word that bin Laden had been killed on Sunday, **Campbell** told me, “**This is the kind of operation we should continue, not occupation.**”